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SUBJ: MAIDUGURI/NDJAMENA TRUCK MOVEMENT

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- 1. CONCUR IN PROPOSED "WET WEATHER SUPPLEMENT" FOR MAIDUGURI/ NDJAMENA RUN AS OFFERING BEST POSSIBILITY INCREASE FLOW, PRE-SUMING, OF COURSE, THAT PRESUMPTION IS CORRECT THAT INCREASE IN PAYMENT WILL ATTRACT SIGNIFICANT NUMBER NEW NIGERIAN TRUCKS ON ROUTE.
- 2. CONSIDER WORTH EXPLORING SUGGESTION THAT CONTRACT BE RENEGOTIATED FOR TRANSPORT REMAINING 8,600 TONS FOR COMPLETE TRIP FROM APAPA TO NDJAMENA (ABIDJAN 6574 AND LAGOS 7655).

 MUST BE REMEMBERED HOWEVER THAT CHADIAN/NIGERIAN ACCORD ON TRUCKING CALLS FOR 85 PERCENT GOODS ENTERING CHAD TO BE CARRIED ON CHADIAN TRUCKS. CHADIAN AGREEMENT TO PERMIT EXTRA 12,000 TONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RELIEF SUPPLIES BE IMPORTED ON NIGERIAN TRUCKS WAS ONE TIME

AFFAIR, AND PROBABLY SOMETHING AT LEAST OVER 4,000 TONS ON NIGERIAN TRUCKS HAS BEEN IMPORTED THUS FAR UNDER AGREEMENT. RATE INCREASE SUGGESTED PARA (1) ABOVE WOULD PRESUMABLY LEAD TO UTILIZATION WHATEVER TONNAGE REMAINS UNDER ONE-TIME AGREEMENT TO MOVE VIA NIGERIAN TRUCKS STOCKS ALREADY MAIDUGURI.

3. THUS APPEARS THAT NEW GOC/NIGERIAN AGREEMENT REQUIRED, WHICH, IF PAST IS GUIDE, CAN BE TIME-CONSUMING PROCESS. FEEL THAT SUGGESTION NONE THE LESS SHOULD BE ATTEMPTED, HOWEVER, AND REQUEST THAT AMEMB NDJAMENA BE AUTHORIZED EXPLORE WITH GOC WILLINGNESS MAKE NEW AGREEMENT, INDICATING AT SAME TIME GOC DECISION AND PROMPTNESS THEREOF WILL BE FACTOR FINAL USG DECISION DISPOSITION GRAIN DIVERTED NIGER AND SUBSEQUENT DONATIONS.

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